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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison (USAG) Red Cloud Policy Letter on Standards of Child Supervision in the USAG Red Cloud Community

1. REFERENCE.

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 608-18, The Army Family Advocacy Program, 30 Oct 07
- b. Department of Defense Directive (DODD) 6400.1, Family Advocacy Program (FAP), 23 Aug 04.

2. ENCLOSURE 1. USAG Red Cloud-Area 1 Supervision of Children Guidance Matrix

3. PURPOSE. To establish parameters and provide guidance to parents, enforcement agencies, health care providers, and the general community concerning minimum acceptable standards of supervision for children whose sponsor is stationed in Area 1.

4. APPLICABILITY. These procedures are applicable to military, civilian, and/or Family members assigned to or within the operational control of USAG Red Cloud.

5. GENERAL. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring the health, welfare, and safety of minor Family members and dependents at all times. The sponsor's chain of command is responsible for the sponsor and his/her dependents assigned or attached to his/her command or agency.

6. POLICY.

a. **No child of any age will be left unattended under circumstances involving actual risk to the child's health and safety.** Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress, and maturity level are factors to be used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. The following are minimum community standards. Under no circumstance will these guidelines be reduced. The enclosure is provided as guidance in making decisions involving safety and proper supervision of children.

b. **Children Outside and Unattended.**

(1) Ages 10 and Younger. Children age 10 and younger will not be left physically unattended under any circumstance, and must be supervised by a responsible adult who is within

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eyesight or hearing distance of the child. In addition, the responsible adult must have the ability to respond immediately to any incident that may injure or endanger that child. Children ages 10 and younger will not be left unattended in cars, at bus stops, or in any location while on Area 1 installations.

(2) Ages 11 through 17. Although children, ages 11 through 17, are allowed to play outside without direct adult supervision, these children must be able to immediately access a responsible adult who is aware of the child's location and has been prearranged to respond immediately to an emergency involving that child.

c. Children Left Alone In Family Living Area. While USAG Red Cloud/Area 1 does not have on post family quarters, the safety of children require appropriate supervision of children at all times. The following guidelines are provided to ensure a child's safety and outline a parent's responsibility for the child.

(1) Children ages 10 and younger should not be left unattended under any circumstances.

(2) Children, ages 11 through 13, may be left alone for no longer than 3 hours provided that they are able to immediately access a responsible adult who is aware of the child's location and has been prearranged to respond immediately to an emergency involving that child. Contact the Family Advocacy for information and assistance on recommendations for children left home alone without parental supervision.

(3) Children, ages 14 through 16, may be left alone for no longer than 6 hours during the day or evening provided that they are able to immediately access a responsible adult.

(4) Children age 17 may be left alone overnight provided that they are able to immediately access a responsible adult.

d. All children must have the supervising adult's work, home, and emergency phone numbers.

e. Requirements for Child Sitters. Minors, ages 12 and older, may sit for their immediate Family members or other families' children. It is highly recommended that minors, ages 12 and older, take the American Red Cross Baby-sitters Course prior to baby-sitting for children who are not immediate Family members.

f. USAG Red Cloud Area 1 personnel who observe children unattended, unsupervised, and/or potentially at risk will contact the following:

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(1) The Military Police (MP) call 911 (24 hours) on all installations or from off post telephone call: Red Cloud (0505-732-6693), Camp Casey (0505- 730-4417), or Camp Stanley (0505- 732-5310).

(2) During duty hours, Social Work Services can also be called at DSN 730-3900 from on post telephone or 0505-730-3900 off-post.

g. Actions taken when a child is found unattended, unsupervised and/or potentially at risk include:

(1) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider will be contacted immediately to provide supervision. If this person cannot be located, the child may be taken to the Military Police station for protection, to the Medical Treatment Facility for appropriate medical care, or emergency child placement to ensure the child's safety until the sponsor can be located.

(2) The sponsor, parent, or designated care provider may be investigated in accordance with the Uniform Code of Military Justice and applicable regulations by the Military Police and/or Family Advocacy, Case Review Committee, for suspected child neglect in violation of Army regulation (AR 608-18).


6. This policy supersedes previous Standards of Child Supervision in Red Cloud and Area I.

7. PROPONENT. The proponent of this policy is USAG Red Cloud Army Community Service.

8. The point of contact is the Family Advocacy Program Manager at DSN: 730-3150.

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1. Age Matrix


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GUIDANCE ON SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AND AGE MATRIX

Parents and guardians are responsible for the welfare and safety of children in the military community. Each child is unique. Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity level are factors used to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents are responsible for making this decision. The following are minimum community standards; under no circumstances will grades for activities be reduced. Parents are still required to assess their children and, if necessary, raise the grade, and to follow any differing preset restrictions such as school bus requirements.

Age of Child	Required Supervision	Left Alone in Quarters	Left Alone Overnight	Play Outside Unattended	Left in Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
4 and under (infants – toddlers)	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
5-6 (grades K-2)	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
7-10 (grades 2-5)	Direct Supervision Required	NO	NO	YES: With immediate access (visual sight or hearing distance) to adult supervision.	NO	NO	NO
11-13 (grades 6-8)	Parental assessment. Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available.	YES: With ready access to adult supervision; Limit to 3 hrs	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES: With keys removed and hand brake applied	NO	NO
14-16 (grades 9-11)	Parental assessment. Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available.	YES: With access to adult supervision; Limit to 6 hrs	NO	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES	YES	YES: Limit to 6 hours *See Below
17-Above (grades 11-12)	Parental assessment. Parent knows child's location and activities. Emergency contact available.	YES	YES: With access to adult supervision	YES	YES	YES	YES: May sit overnight *See Below

ACS Family Advocacy Program, Child Safety Information, 730-3150. *American Red Cross (ARC) Babysitter's Training Course is required to care for children other than immediate family members. Call ARC at 730-6160.

To report concerns about unsupervised child(ren) call: Military Police (MP) at 911 (24 hours) on all installations or from off post telephone call: Red Cloud (0505-732-6693), Camp Casey (0505- 730-4417), or Camp Stanley (0505- 732-5310). During duty hours, Social Work Services can also be called at DSN 730-3900 from on post telephone or 0505-730-3900 off-post.

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